

LEGISLATION IN ALBANY.

THE BI-PARTISAN POLICE BOARD BILL PASSED IN THE SENATE.

Two More Democratic Assemblymen Voted to Bill to Annex New Utrecht to Brooklyn Passed in the Senate—Mr. Atwater Announces That There Are Only Sixteen More Working Days.

ALBANY, April 4.—The Senate passed the Bi-partisan Police bill by a vote of 18 to 9. Col. George Bliss and several other prominent Republicans from New York were present to assure the rural Senators that the New York politicians wanted the bill. The bill as passed provides that the Mayor shall appoint four Police Commissioners, two Republicans and two Democrats, and that the Superintendent shall be the executive officer, with full authority over the individual members of the department.

Senator Laxow defended the bill. He said that the New York Police Department was under the direction of Tammany Hall, and that it was necessary to reform it. At first there had been considerable opposition to the bill, but the Republicans were in favor of it. It was demanded by the Republicans not only in New York, but all over the State.

Senator Carter said that the only object of the bill was to give to the Republicans half of the police patronage in New York. The principle of the bill should be extended everywhere throughout the State, so that the Police Boards in Brooklyn, Rochester, Syracuse, and other Republican cities should be non-partisan. History showed that the Police Department was less efficient and worse in all respects under bi-partisan boards. The Tweed frauds had occurred under a bi-partisan board. The bill would give the Republicans patronage to bolster up a sectional organization, but that was all it would do. Even Dr. Parkhurst was opposed to the principle of the bill. Instead of removing politics from the department the bill would inject more politics into it.

Senator Saxton said that it had been the custom in New York for twenty years to have a Police Board equally representative of the two parties. That custom had been broken by Mayor Grant. All the bill did was to restore an old custom.

Senator Guy asked how it would improve the Police Department to give the Republicans half the patronage. There was no pretense that the bill was not a partisan bill.

Senator O'Sullivan asked why it should be necessary for messengers to come from New York to Albany to get their pay.

The history of the non-partisan police boards was such that the people of New York did not want them again. Under bi-partisan police boards the police force of the city were unsafe at night.

The responsibility was divided between the two parties, and neither party made any effort.

As soon as the majority of the Police Board became Democratic the responsibility was placed directly on the Democratic side. The Republicans had no voice in the police houses and the gambling places. Toll was no longer collected from the saloon keepers.

The result of concentrated responsibility was that the police force was the best in the world and that New York was less disorderly than any other city in the State.

Compared with Syracuse, Rochester, and Albany, the police force was entirely free from notorious places and from crime.

After the bill was passed, the companion bill, containing \$25,000 for the expenses of the Police Board, was introduced in the Senate and was made a special order for Thursday.

The resolution to investigate the elections in all the other cities in the State was then passed.

The Senate reported the bill to abolish the Albany Water Board, to bring on the pumps to supply Albany, and to make the water out of office the Police Justice of West Troy.

The Comptroller Education bill came up in the Senate and went over till to-morrow.

The Legislature adjourned yesterday after two more Democrats to-day. They are Hughes of the Seventh Kings district and McGuire of the First Kings district. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Graham were unseated that the Republicans could not unseat "any more men." The session will be over in a few weeks, and the election of the new members of the Senate will be held on the first of June.

The Republicans contestants a full term and their expenses. William Hughes declined himself, and said that he was to use his influence to get an amendment of personal feeling of several Republicans in his district.

He said that there was no evidence as to which to unseat Mr. Hughes, and that the report of the committee awarding the seat to Kneeland was the result of clamoring on the part of the Republicans.

The Democratic sitting members were unseated in the First Judicial district.

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Mr. Garrison's workmen's law for wages and hours.

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